

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1958

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1958 -

Males - 359,845

Females - 341,573

Persons - 701,418

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1957 -

Persons - 380,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	530	462	1,891	1,810
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	9.19	8.16	8.21	8.01
Births - Number	1,409	1,342	5,679	5,648
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	24.44	23.71	24.64	25.00
Deaths - Number	445	350	1,700	1,525
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.72	6.18	7.38	6.75
Infant) - Number	27	35	111	116
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	19.16	26.08	19.55	20.54
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	-	2	9	6
Malignant neoplasms	86	59	300	283
Diabetes mellitus	1	6	10	23
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	4	5
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	52	40	207	166
Diseases of the heart	131	91	497	426
Hypertension with heart disease	12	6	39	44
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	4	6	10	19
Arteriosclerosis	11	8	42	37
Influenza	1	1	1	2
Pneumonia	18	8	64	42
Bronchitis	4	3	12	10
Other respiratory diseases	5	4	17	17
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	4	12	14
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	4	1	16	6
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	5	2
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	2	9	9
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	6	16	23
Diseases of the prostate	3	2	20	14
Maternal causes	-	-	2	2
Diseases of early infancy	19	20	72	74
Motor vehicle accidents	16	15	60	51
Other accidents	9	17	55	67
Suicide	10	4	27	28
All other causes	47	43	194	155
Total:	445	350	1,700	1,525

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, 1958, totalled 490,821 acres, an increase of 162,463 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,280,619 acres, a decrease of 222,451

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,417,692	5,380,455	50,117,711	48,235,779
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 14. 3	7. 15. 11	71. 17. 1	70. 10. 5
Expenditure	5,369,518	4,849,755	53,162,211	51,343,966
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 12. 11	7. 0. 7	76. 4. 5	75. 1. 3

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of May, 1958, amounted to £64,592,383 or £91.17.8 per head of population as against £61,250,028 or £88.13.9 per head at the end of May, 1957.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 28th May, 1958, amounted to £15,324,238 compared with £15,094,821 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,890	2,029	18,273	16,443
	£.	3,134,053	3,373,942	31,769,142	25,543,708
Mortgages	No.	1,625	1,488	14,098	12,233
	£.	3,274,870	2,675,823	26,953,079	21,961,411
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,111	1,110	10,666	9,528

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
May, 1958	4,252,400	2,827,611	13,962,979	628,253
May, 1957	3,988,590	2,322,809	12,159,671	590,759
Eleven Months ended May, 1958	43,199,496	31,946,326	121,067,111	6,353,241
Eleven Months ended May, 1957	38,175,894	23,513,584	115,002,091	5,698,572

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

248 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,442,000 and 98 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 176 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £11,854,500 and 82 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eleven Months ended MAY					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	110	209,586	68,926	93	199,719	145,792
Deeds of Assignment (a)	90	549,086	501,128	89	330,578	438,939
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,098,500	1,134,800	10,727,000	11,887,167
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,193,696	1,345,588	12,214,128	13,236,327
Train Miles Run	No.	607,429	646,077	6,080,790	6,983,197
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 104,505	(b) 104,897	(c) 1,038,266	(c) 1,084,732
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,065,251	1,086,736	11,708,503	10,727,792
Motor Bus	No.	22,150	25,301	233,423	254,336
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>					
Paying Goods		314,373	350,799	2,829,883	3,482,236
Livestock		8,797	8,309	114,929	126,641
Departmental (Free Freight)		52,017	54,672	538,050	554,966
Total:		375,187	413,780	3,482,862	4,163,843
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		49,086,818	54,559,622	453,933,012	549,340,934
Livestock		1,006,089	815,769	15,499,662	15,862,936
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,142,801	5,766,032	51,706,503	63,188,635
Total:		54,235,708	61,141,423	521,139,177	628,392,505

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 29th March

(c) Period ended March.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
Year 1957	5,639	2,084	35	1,007	9,865	4,755	71	1,447
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	372	177	-	149	648	409	2	192
February	536	225	5	125	860	516	11	173
March	518	199	-	147	875	474	-	198
April	577	190	2	110	938	512	4	157

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	610	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,252	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	68,295	24,414	610	8,532	107,743*	63,908*	1,155	12,584*
February	68,490	24,379	615	8,552	108,262*	64,163*	1,239	12,652*
March	68,829	24,390	615	8,594	108,966	64,445	1,245	12,745*
April	69,320	24,418	618	8,635	109,254	64,327	1,246	12,643

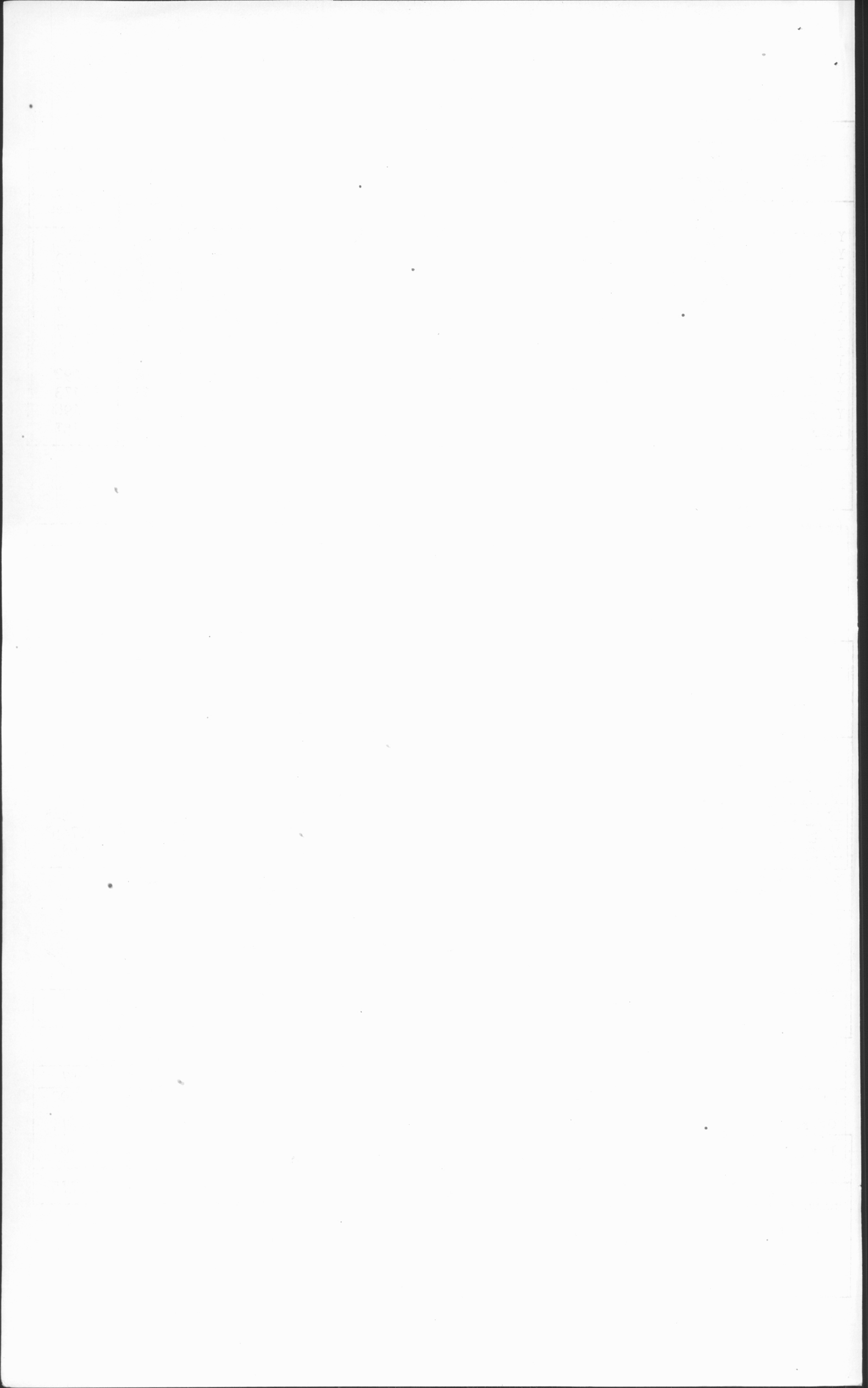
(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

* Revised since previous issue.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,551	3,249	38,274	33,549	5,344	6,462	81,580	100,674
Interstate	7,573	7,232	79,625	75,974	2,548	2,682	32,334	32,101
Total:	12,124	10,481	117,899	109,523	7,892	9,144	113,914	132,775



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
Year 1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958 -										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
Year 1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958 - March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	MAY		Five Months ended MAY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
GOLD				
Quantity Fine ozs.	64,197	64,887	323,000	370,116
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,003,075	1,013,851	5,046,853	5,783,053
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	281,250	262,500	508,594	726,562

* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Ltd. and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	3050	2941	3033	3019	2714	2712	2683	2729
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3251	3173	3212	3194	2624	2630	2591	2627
Northam	3145	3088	3108	3128	2652	2693	2617	2702
Bunbury	3134	3151	3102	3146	2731	2782	2697	2762
Geraldton	3201	3215	3163	3232	2884	2931	2855	2928
Collie	3144	3180	3122	3182	2479	2519	2456	2514

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

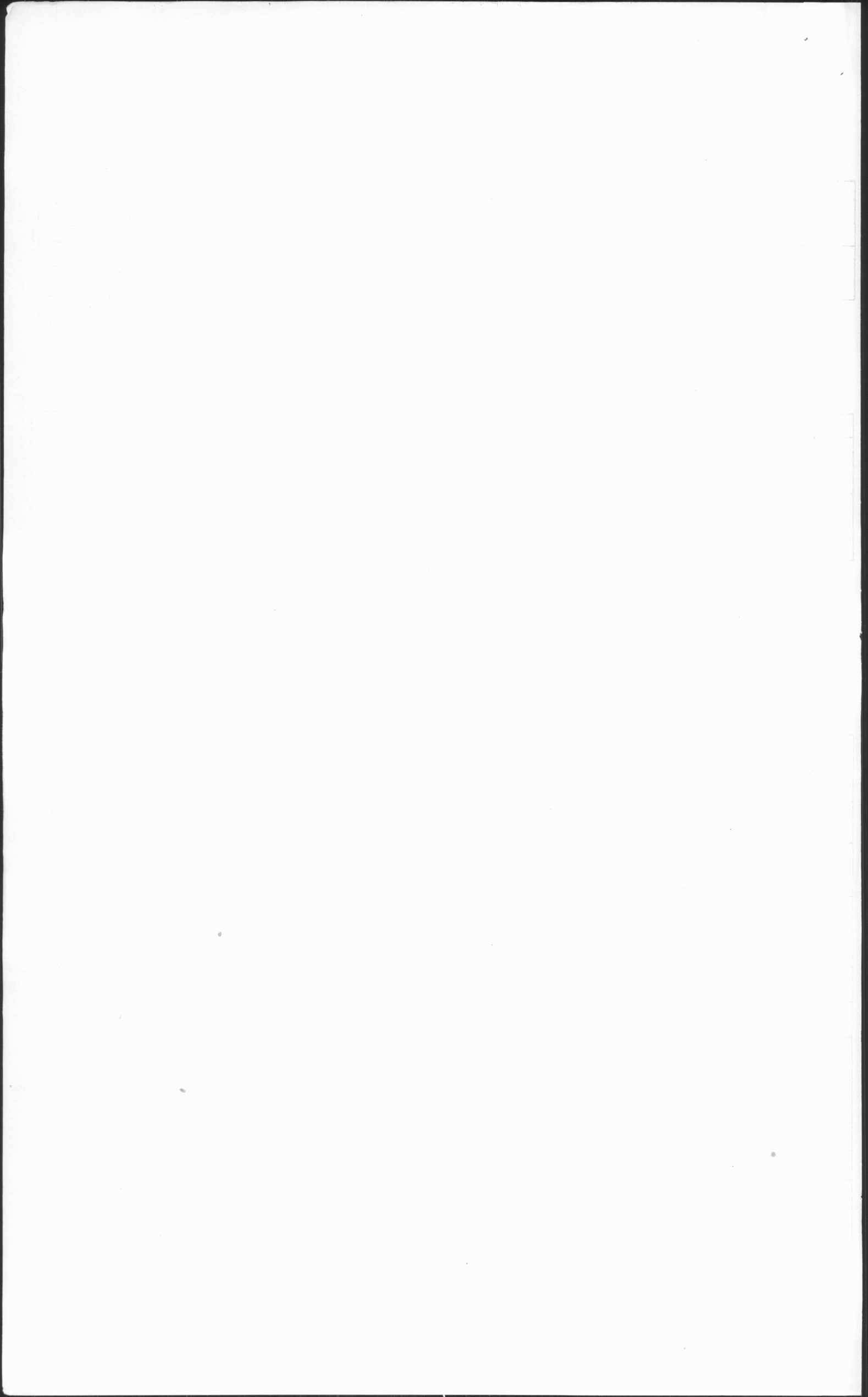
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Month	1957			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	134,232	43,806	178,038	134,159	44,938	179,097
February	134,594	44,839	179,433	138,700	45,700	184,400
March	134,816	45,022	179,838	139,514	46,011	185,525
April	134,587	44,505	179,092	139,015	45,929	184,944
May	134,124	44,691	178,815			
June	133,650	44,159	177,809			
July	133,311	44,323	177,634			
August	133,411	44,457	177,868			
September	133,669	44,815	178,484			
October	134,413	44,907	179,320			
November	134,431	45,352	179,783			
December	134,178	45,688	179,866			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29, 19,799 Employees = 100)				
	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	233
February	228	240	241	235	232
March	231	242	240	236	233
April	230	243	239	234	231
May	231	242	238	234	
June	230	239	235	231	
July	230	238	231	230	
August	230	239	230	230	
September	232	241	233	232	
October	233	241	233	233	
November	234	243	233	234	
December	233	242	232	233	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
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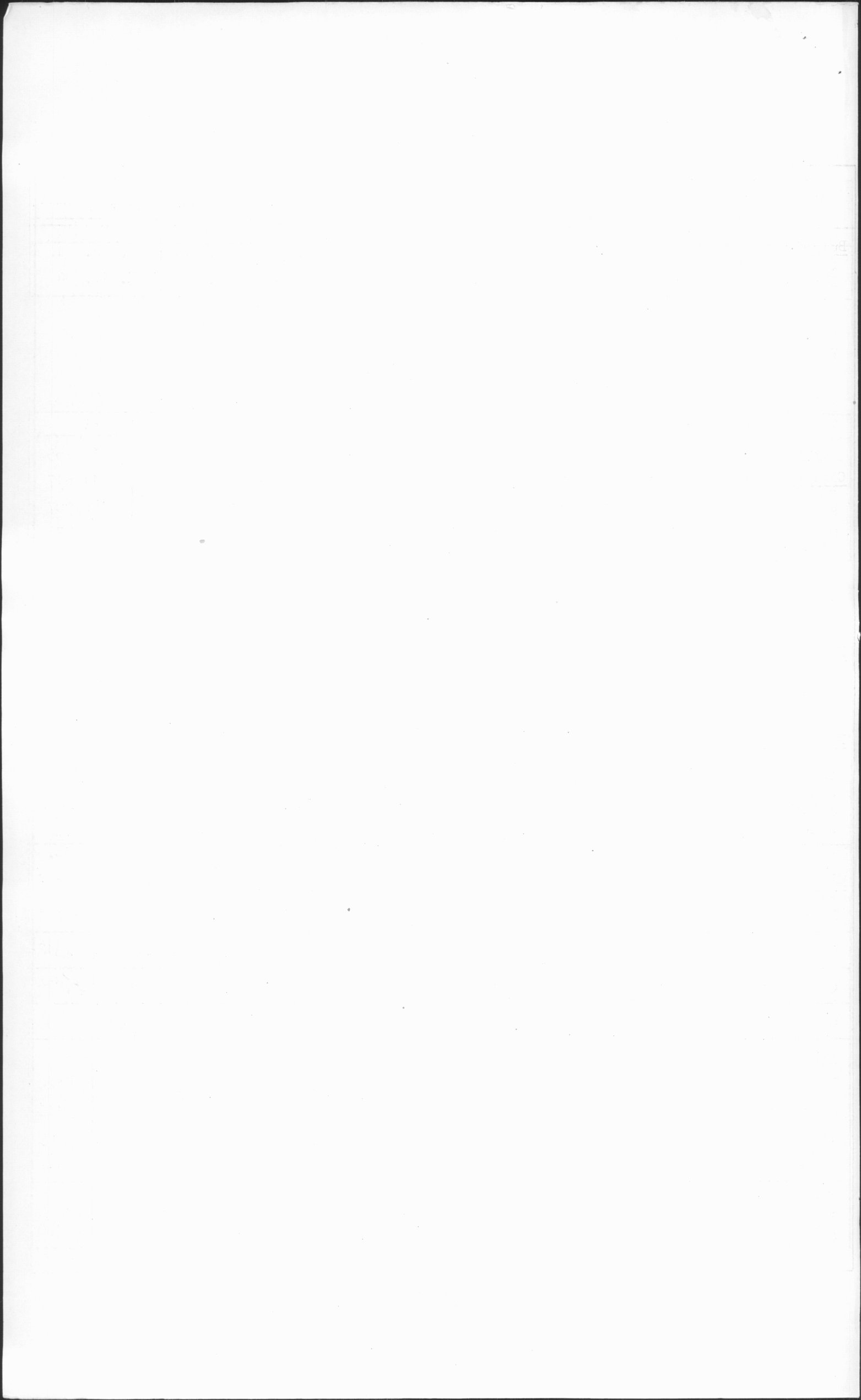
LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
April, 1958	9,081	420	56,467	27,449	16,155
April, 1957	7,389	408	64,383	31,356	11,617
10 Months ended April, 1958	104,877	5,330	572,975	570,010	166,907
10 Months ended April, 1957	99,344	3,960	643,617	550,977	118,772

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
Year 1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
<u>1958 -</u>										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April	510	204	191	97	701	301	7	7	226	139
Total Four Months ended April	1,959	681	779	342	2,738	1,023	28	35	961	480



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	650	935	5,268	5,371
Bricks - Cement	'000	103	230	1,749	1,736
- Clay	'000	8,526	9,060	92,825	85,113
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	119	167	1,363	1,314
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,421	2,558	24,065	22,844
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	26,278	29,145	280,371	273,780
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	547	862	6,387	5,318
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) /	'000 sup.ft.	12,495(a)	13,236(a)	166,524(b)	171,795(b)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,493	1,681	10,542	10,248
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	4,740	4,061	48,821	43,413
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	418	513	3,647	4,810
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	62	145	948	1,555
- 2 piece	no.	1,283	1,572	15,615	16,595
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,126	5,342	52,739	55,176
- Work	no.	16,828	15,707	141,136	136,402
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	45,513	40,545	313,841	343,869
Sandals	pair	4,996	1,437	160,855	156,628
Slippers	pair	23,406	29,218	259,643	351,667
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	423	489	6,025	6,407
Butter	'000 lb.	570	802	14,078	15,395
Cheese	'000 lb.	46	73	2,213	2,478
Jams	'000 lb.	55	76	581	541
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	77,470	62,135	652,003	624,788
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	487	507	5,790	5,823
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	151	138	1,430	1,274
- Nitric	cwt.	6	44	276	568
- Sulphuric	ton	21,916	14,909	199,682	162,261
Coal	ton	92,886	86,192	776,318	766,539
Cycles, Pedal	no.	543	316	6,263	5,974
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	70,745	68,203	762,371	719,675
Gas Produced	Million cu. ft.	125	126	1,292	1,330
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,640	1,216	14,728	12,894
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,770	2,167	27,076	21,984
- Woven Wire	no.	5,011	901	27,655	24,980
- Soft Filled	no.	3,304	3,631	35,713	34,784
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	31	42	423	436
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	6	21	41
Trailers (all types)	no.	15	20	134	135
Perambulators	no.	58	50	757	533
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,985	6,903	73,437	73,387
Superphosphate	ton	60,851	43,789	553,096	443,225
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VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

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(& Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecgoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.6	11.0	19.0	16.4	27.9	11.1	7.4	6.0	29.4	155.8	49.3
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.1	35.5	11.8
1956	6.7	2.5	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.5	2.1	1.4	6.8	37.0	13.1
1957	6.7	2.7	4.9	4.5	5.9	2.7	1.8	1.4	7.0	37.6	12.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	7.3	36.5	12.9
1956	7.1	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.1	37.6	11.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.9	3.9	7.3	2.8	1.8	1.5	7.3	39.4	13.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.6	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.8	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.6	13.0
1956	6.8	2.7	4.4	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	11.2
1957	7.0	3.0	4.8	3.9	6.7	2.8	1.8	1.6	7.4	39.0	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.4	1.7	8.2	40.1	12.7
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	14.5
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	8.2	42.1	12.5
1957	7.7	2.9	5.2	4.9	8.5	3.3	2.5	1.8	8.6	45.4	14.4

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

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AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	1957									1958			
		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	s. d. 15. 3	s. d. 12.10	s. d. 9. 8	s. d. 8. 3	s. d. 8. 2	s. d. 10. 2	s. d. 12. 0	s. d. 13.11	s. d. 24. 7	s. d. 36. 6	s. d. 35. 5	s. d. 41. 9	s. d. 28. 0
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	30. 2	19. 4	19. 7	23. 5	27. 1	32. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	39. 5	27. 0	27. 0	24. 2	18. 2	22. 1	21. 1	21. 6	21. 9	22. 4	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 5	1. 4	1. 4	1.11	2. 1	1.11	1. 7	1. 4	1. 0	1. 3	10	11	1. 1
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	19.10	24. 3	25. 9	27. 3	32. 6	42. 6	44. 9	57. 9	58. 7	-	-	18. 5	30.11
- Other	bush.	22. 8	23. 8	24. 5	27. 1	32. 8	42. 0	46. 5	63. 8	59. 8	31.10	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21.11	20. 2	18. 9	23. 8	30. 0	38. 0	-	-	-	29. 7	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2
Apricots	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	28. 0	43. 2	-	-	-
Nectarines	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 2	28.11	27. 5	-
Plums	bush.	36.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	20.10	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3
Peaches	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.10	19.10	20. 3	17. 3	20. 9	-
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	27. 4	24.11	28. 6	-	-	-	-	-	31.11	24.11	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	crate	6. 4	5. 6	5.11	12. 7	11.11	13. 5	5.10	7. 1	10. 6	16. 3	11. 6	6. 4	5.10
Cauliflowers	dozen	17. 0	11.11	7. 2	19. 4	14. 9	7. 0	9. 6	9. 7	-	-	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4
Lettuce	crate	8. 3	6. 9	8. 0	15. 1	11. 9	11. 8	17. 0	13. 6	8. 2	8. 2	12. 9	11.10	12.11
Table Celery	doz.head	4. 7	6. 5	5. 6	4. 3	9.10	10. 6	7.11	9. 0	7. 5	9. 4	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5
Beetroot	cwt.	21. 2	20. 1	17. 0	29. 7	43. 7	49. 5	44. 3	30. 4	64.11	82. 6	62. 5	33. 2	34.10
Carrots	cwt.	56. 8	45. 6	31. 2	39.10	35. 9	42. 3	40. 7	24. 3	19. 8	22. 0	29. 8	37.11	33.10
Parsnips	cwt.	105. 9	84. 9	65. 9	73. 5	67. 0	68. 8	42.10	28. 6	27. 8	30. 1	42. 0	50. 2	55.11
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	6. 8	7. 6	5. 8	7. 9	8. 4	11. 2	4. 7	4. 0	6. 7	4. 3	7.10	5. 2	5. 7
Swedes	cwt.	74. 6	41. 9	29. 9	30. 6	31. 3	32. 2	31. 2	28. 6	34. 1	42.10	48. 1	40. 0	28.10
Runner Beans	lb.	7	6	9	1.11	2. 1	1. 3	10	10	11	1. 1	9	9	5
Peas	lb.	1. 4	1. 5	1. 9	2. 1	1. 4	11	9	11	1. 5	1. 9	1.10	1. 5	1. 5
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	3	4	5	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	3
Pumpkin	bag	16. 8	14. 3	15. 4	16. 1	16. 3	21.11	19. 9	14. 9	17.11	19. 9	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 5	15. 6	11. 9	15. 6	20.10	18. 8	46. 0	32. 8	18.11	19. 3	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	40.0.0	41. 8.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	+	+	+	+	31.15.0	31.15.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	40.5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. + No Local onions available. / 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. / No Board price, onions sold only by auction this month.

